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Honorable Olin D. Johnston
Chairman
Committee on Post Office & Civil Service
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I refer to your letter of 25 March 1957, requesting the comments of this Agency on S. 1683, a bill "To reduce the number of Government employees by prohibiting the filling of certain vacancies and to establish a ceiling on Government employment."

As we interpret this bill, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget is given complete discretionary power to assign to the various Federal agencies the percentage which they must individually assume to insure Government-wide compliance with the 25% restriction on hiring to fill vacancies in any given quarter. We are therefore not in a position to comment specifically as to the impact which this bill might have on this Agency.

On the assumption, however, that the Director of the Bureau of the Budget would apply the restriction on an equal percentage basis to all agencies, we can foresee serious difficulties. Although these difficulties would relate to all categories of personnel, the problem would be particularly acute in the clerical field. Experience of recent years has indicated that we lose a substantially higher percentage of clerical personnel on the average than we do of other types. Given this fact, if we were forced to undergo a reduction by attrition as provided under Section 2 of this bill, we would soon find ourselves in a position where a shortage of clerical personnel

would seriously reduce the effectiveness of the Agency. For this reason we are opposed to the passage of S. 1683.

The Bureau of the Budget interposes no objection to the submission of this report.

<div align="center">Sincerely,</div>

<div align="center">SIGNED</div>

<div align="center">Allen W. Dulles
Director</div>

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